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# Menominee, Dickinson, Iron County Newsletter

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## ATTENTION

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION  
ABOUT  
PARTICIPATION IN  
USDA FARM  
PROGRAMS  
ENCLOSED**

## County Committee Election Results

Janis Linderoth was re-elected to serve another 3 year term on the County Committee. Janis represents Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2 which includes the townships of Holmes, Lake, Mellen and Menominee. County Committee positions will be determined during our organizational meeting in January 2009.

## Farm Operator Changes

When you pick up a new farm for 2009, the owner/s must verify the operator change. A lease signed by both you as the new operator and owner/s should be provided. Having a written lease with your landowners makes good business sense.

## 2009 DCP Sign Up Begins

Producers on farms may initiate a 2009 DCP contract beginning Monday, December 22, 2008. Producers have from this date through June 1, 2009 to timely file a CCC-509 contract. Regulations no longer provide for a "late-filed" signup period or fee. Enrollment is NOT permitted after June 1, 2009. All required signatures and cash leases must be provided by the deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Advance direct payments at a rate of 22 percent will be made when requested and all required documentation is on file.

## 2009 NAP & CAT Buy In Fees Refunded

Refunds will be made when software is available on crops not considered economically significant. Crops are not economically significant if their value is less than 10% of the total value of all crops grown for the year or if the crop's value is less than \$2499.



## Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) sign up FY 2008 through FY 2012

Producers may initiate a CCC-580 form for the MILC program during the **Initial sign up phase beginning December 22, 2008 through January 21, 2009.**

For FY 2009 production start month can be either:

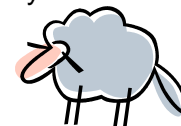
- the month the CCC-580 is submitted and any month that precedes the month the form is submitted
- any month remaining in FY 2009

For FY 2010 through 2012 production start month can be any month for each FY.

**Extended Sign Up begins January 22, 2009 and ending September 30, 2012.**

MILC production start month can be either:

- the month the CCC-580 is submitted
- from the remaining months in the FY for which the payment rate is not known.



## Livestock Feed Program

Payments will be earned once a D2 status for 8 consecutive weeks is reached on the Drought Monitor. Find drought status at: [www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html](http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html)

## 2008 Crop Loans Available

Loans and LDPS are available as follows:  
**January 31, 2009 for 2008 shorn mohair, wool and unshorn pelts, March 31, 2009 on barley, canola, honey, oats and wheat, & May 31, 2009 on corn, dry peas & soybeans.** Contact the office for details.



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### **Farm Changes**

If you have any farm changes now is the time to be getting the changes updated and the reconsitution paperwork filed. The sooner you let us know the earlier the reconsitution will be completed.

### **Farm Storage Facility Loans Available**

7 year fixed rate loans are available on grain storage structures. December's interest rate is 3.000%. Contact the office for details.

### **Revised Payment Limitation Forms**

Producers who initiate 2009 program applications will be required to complete new Payment Limitation forms. Revised annual payment limits for all Disaster Programs(NAP, Livestock Feed Program & SURE). is \$100,000

### **New Average Adjusted Gross Income Limitations for 2009-2012 Programs**

Average AGI limits for payment eligibility apply per natural person, legal entity, all interest holders, stockholders or members of legal entities & all members of partnerships & joint operations. Partnerships and joint operations are not considered legal entities. If the average Adjusted Gross (AG) nonfarm income exceeds \$500,000 then the person or entity is INELIGIBLE for commodity, price support and disaster assistance programs. If the average AG farm income exceeds \$750,000, then the person or entity is INELIGIBLE for direct DCP payments. If the average AG nonfarm income exceeds \$1 million then the person or entity is ineligible for conservation benefits unless 66.66% or more of the average AGI was derived from farming and forestry operations. More information is available at the FSA office

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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